

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 24-26, 29-34 and 36 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4-23 and 35 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 112

Claims 29 and 36 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 29 and 36 have been cancelled.

CLAIM REJECTIONS -- 103

Claim 29 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sugiyama (US 5,206,737). Claim 29 has been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 1, 4-26 and 35 have been allowed. Claims 24-26 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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